



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## City Hall

806 West Main Street  
Monroe, WA 98272  
Phone: 360.794.7400  
Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

## Appointment Openings

Salary Commission  
Library Board

## Job Openings

Construction Inspector  
Engineering Administrative  
Specialist

## Events this Week

- 12/24** Christmas Eve,  
City Hall Closed At Noon
- 12/25** Christmas,  
City Hall Closed
- 01/01** New Year's Day,  
City Hall Closed
- 01/05** City Council Meeting,  
Council Chambers,  
City Hall  
CANCELLED

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at [GThomas@MonroeWa.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

*Editor's note: This will be the last issue of Monroe This Week for 2015. This publication will resume the first week January 2016!*

## Be In The Know!

### SR522 Update

I am continuing to work on getting funding to finish SR522. Over the last couple weeks, I have met with representatives from the 39th Legislative District and 1st Legislative District (Maltby Area) and also with Congresswoman DelBene's Office. I have also met with the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, Snohomish County Committee to Improve Transportation, Community Transit, and US2 Traffic Safety Coalition. Looking into January 2016, I have scheduled a number of meetings to advocate for this funding and will continue to provide updates.

### Be Safe This Christmas

Many people are traveling this Christmas and there is a fantastic amount of snow in the passes. Drive safe this weekend; and if you are traveling over the passes, pack extra clothes, blankets and emergency supplies.

### 211

Need help finding training, employment, food banks, shelter, and assistance for aging parents, addiction prevention, programs for teens, affordable housing options, or support groups? Call 211 from any telephone

## City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

### Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$3,323,831

'15 to 11/30/15: \$3,740,803

**UP \$416,972 or 12.54%**

### Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 11/30/14: \$423,842

'15 to 11/30/15: \$644,078

**UP \$220,236 or 51.96%**

### Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$59,735

'15 to 11/30/15: \$64,134

**UP \$4,399 or 7.36%**

### Business License Fees

'14 to 11/30/14: \$41,933

'15 to 11/30/15: \$42,586

**UP \$653 or 1.56%**

### Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$162,390

'15 to 11/30/15: \$298,243

**UP \$135,853 or 83.66%**

### Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$47,345

'15 to 11/30/15: \$61,415

**UP \$14,070 or 29.72%**

### New House Permits

'14 to 11/30/14: 14

'15 to 11/30/15: 59

**UP 45 units or 321%**

### Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 11/30/14: 44 units

'15 to 11/30/15: 4 units

**DOWN 40 units or -91%**

### Building Division Inspections

'14 to 11/30/14: 1,436

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,560

**UP 124 or 8.6%**

## Address Signs

Monroe Fire District No. 3 is selling address signs. These are great for anyone whose house number cannot be seen from the street. Having a reflective sign can make it easier for first responders to locate your home, especially homes that are set back from the road quite a ways or share a long driveway with other homes. Signs may be ordered at the Monroe Fire District headquarters station, at 163 Village Court. There are four styles of signs ranging in price from \$16.50 to \$27.50. The signs are assembled by one of our firefighters and usually ready to pick up within one to two weeks. For more information, please call 360-794-7666.